



City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: September 12, 2006

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager

FROM: Rolland M. Crawford, Division Chief/Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

SUBJECT: Council Bill #R-2006-51 - Adopting the National Incident Management System

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council: Approve the Resolution adopting the National Incident Management System and its implementation into the City's emergency management system.

BACKGROUND

State law requires local governments to adopt emergency operations plans that utilize the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). SEMS uses a standardized framework for coordinated responses to emergencies and disasters by public agencies at the local, regional, and state level. The City of Loma Linda adopted its SEMS-compliant Emergency Operations Plan in 1998, with most recent revision in 2004. An updated plan is now being prepared. The City also adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2005, in accordance with Federal law.

Pursuant to Homeland Security Directive-5, the Federal Department of Homeland Security has developed National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements. NIMS compliance is required in order for jurisdictions to receive Federal preparedness grant funds. California's SEMS program served as a model for the Federal Government in its development of NIMS.

ANALYSIS

Due to SEMS, California public agencies are already compliant with most NIMS requirements. However, additional mandates subsequent to Hurricane Katrina require formal adoption of NIMS by cities by September 30, 2006, and NIMS and ICS training for employees. The attached resolution implements the first portion of the mandate. Required employee training has begun, with further specific training to be offered over the next few months.

ENVIRONMENTAL

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No direct financial impact, other than remaining eligible to receive federal funding from FEMA for pre- and post-disaster situations.

ATTACHMENTS

Council Bill #R-2006-51.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMA
LINDA, ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the President of the United States in Homeland Security Directive-5 directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, California pioneered the development of standardized incident command and management systems to respond to a variety of catastrophic disasters, including fires, earthquakes, floods, and landslides; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, the California fire service, in partnership with the Federal Government, developed the Incident Command System (ICS) that has become the model for incident management nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, California was the first state to adopt a statewide Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) for use by every emergency response organization, and implemented a system to ensure the continual improvement of the Standardized Emergency Management System; and

WHEREAS, California emergency management professionals have contributed their expertise to the development of the new National Incident Management System; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for responding to disasters that federal, state, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the California Standardized Emergency Management System substantially meets the objectives of the National Incident Management System; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has directed his Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security in cooperation with the Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board to develop a program to integrate the National Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the State's emergency management system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Loma Linda adopts the National Incident Management System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Loma Linda will integrate the National Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the City's emergency management system; and

That the City of Loma Linda utilizes the National Incident Management System which shall be consistent with the integration of NIMS and SEMS and the Standardized Emergency Management System in California; and

That a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September 2006 by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Robert H. Christman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Byrnes-O'Camb, City Clerk